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H.B. No. 2379

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of legal services to the office of
inspector general of the Health and Human Services Commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 531.102, Government Code, is amended by
amending Subsection (a-3) and adding Subsection (a-7) to read as
follows:

(a-3) The executive commissioner is responsible for
performing all administrative support services functions necessary
to operate the office in the same manner that the executive
commissioner is responsible for providing administrative support
services functions for the health and human services system,
including functions of the office related to the following:

- (1) procurement processes;
- (2) contracting policies;
- (3) information technology services;
- (4) subject to Subsection (a-7), legal services;
- (5) budgeting; and
- (6) personnel and employment policies.

(a-7) For purposes of Subsection (a-3), "legal services"
includes only legal services related to open records, procurement,
contracting, human resources, privacy, litigation support by the
attorney general, bankruptcy, and other legal services as detailed
in the memorandum of understanding or other written agreement

1 required under Section 531.00553, as added by Chapter 837 (S.B.
2 200), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.